

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Please amend the claims to read as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A device in the handling of containers, by means of which device (30) at least two containers (10) are handled, which device (30) comprises a frame (10), to whose guides (11) end pieces (12) have been movably attached, which end pieces (12) comprise attachment members (31, 32) for attaching the device (30) to the corner fittings of the lowermost container(s) (20) of the containers (20) placed on top of one another, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein guide pins (34) used for aligning the device (30) have been fixed to the end pieces (12) moving on the guides of the frame (10), which guide pins have been arranged to be placed into the apertures in the upper surface of the top corner fittings of the uppermost container(s) of the containers (20) placed on top of one another, and that the device (30) is a lifting device attached to a length-adjustable gripping member of a container transfer device by its twist lock pins.
2. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device (30) comprises attachment members (31, 32) which are attached to the apertures of the corner fittings of the container (20) and which attachment members (31, 32) have been placed on the end pieces of the device (30) which have been connected to each other with longitudinal frame structures (10, 11).
3. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the frame (10) of the device (30) is a framework provided with guides (11).
4. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the end pieces (12) of the device (30) comprise horizontal beams (15) movable on the guides (11) of the frame (10), support beams (13) and attachment points (33₂₀, 33₄₀) for twist lock pins of a

container transfer device, and vertical beams (16) and beams (17, 18) to which the attachment members (31, 32) have been fixed.

5. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the attachment members (31, 32) are flexible such that the attachment members which are not in use retract inside.

6. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the guides (11) of the frame (10) are telescopic frames, so that the length of the frame can be adjusted (FIG. 4).

7. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the frame (10) of the device is fixed.

8. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the device (10) comprises guide pins (34) which have been arranged to be positioned in the apertures of the upper surface of the top corner fittings of the uppermost container, and a guide member (37) disposed in connection with the end piece to centre the device in place.

9. (Currently Amended) A method in the handling of containers, in which method at least two containers (20) are handled by means of a container transfer device, which container transfer device comprises a gripping member or equivalent, in which method at least two containers (20) placed on top of one another are handled and in which method for handling containers (20) a device (30) is used which is placed on the containers (20), placed on top of one another, and attached to corner fittings (21, 22) of the containers (20) such that attachment members (31, 32) situated on end pieces (12) fixed to guides (11) of a frame (10) of the device (30) are arranged to be attached to the apertures in the corner fittings (21, 22) of the container (20), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the method, the device (30) is

aligned in place by means of guide pins (34) placed on the end pieces (12) moving on the guides (11) of the frame (10), which guide pins (34) are placed in the apertures of the upper surface of the top corner fittings (21) of the uppermost container (20), and that the device (30) used in the method is a lifting device attached to a length adjustable gripping member of the container transfer device by its twist lock pins.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the method, the device is further aligned in place by means of guide members (37) fixed to the end pieces (12).